

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Federal Supply Service
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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Prior to his departure on a visit to our southwestern regions, the Administrator asked me to communicate with you concerning security filing equipment.

A demonstration of security filing equipment, arranged by Mr. C. S. Thomas of the Department of Defense, under the auspices of the Physical Security Equipment Agency, was held on October 7, 1953. The need for revision of the Federal Specification was evident. These cabinets, built to conform to the Federal Specification, are furnished to Federal agencies under the Federal Supply Schedule contracts. Under the circumstances, we deem it advisable to defer for the present inclusion of security files in our next Federal Supply Schedule contract.

The importance of providing agencies with satisfactory security filing equipment requires that prompt action be taken to prepare more rigid performance specification requirements, and to provide a facility to qualify by test and examination each manufacturer's equipment.

STAT of the Central Intelligence Agency, representatives of the Department of State, Department of Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission and my staff have conferred on possible means of correcting this situation. It was concluded that a small working committee be established, consisting of technically qualified representatives from your Agency, the Department of State, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the General Services Administration. The group would be responsible for the specification and test procedures to insure the necessary security.

Past attempts at solving this problem have failed through lack of such a working group to evaluate available products and establish the necessary basis for qualification approval.

It is believed that our mutual interests would be best served and avoidance of duplication achieved if a representative from your Agency were made available for the technical work involved.

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I am writing the other agencies mentioned making this same proposal and asking them to designate an appropriately qualified representative, adequately cleared for security. If you concur, I would appreciate your designating promptly your representative to serve on this evaluating committee.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Clifton E. Mack

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Commissioner